GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:488
ANSWERED ON:23.02.2001
PARTICIPATION OF SC/ST IN TRADE AREAS
ASHOK KUMAR PRADHAN

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the SC/ ST Parliamentarians in the Memorandum submitted to the Prime Minister on December 17, 1996, September 1, 1997 and July 23, 1998 have demanded to make special provisions to ensure participation of persons belonging to the SC / STs in the areas of trade and commerce so as to provide them opportunity for participation in the economic development and thereby in the main stream of our national life; (

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon; (

(c) the special measures, facilities, if any, being followed by his Ministry for ensuring participation of the persons belonging to the SCs/STs in the areas of foreign trade ; and (

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) to (d) : In the three representations submitted by the Parliamentary Forum of SC/ST Members of Parliament on 17.12.96, 1.9.96, and 23.7.96 there is no specific demand to make any special provision to ensure participation of persons belonging to SCs/STs in the area of foreign trade. However foreign trade being a priority area necessary support is provided to all the entrepreneurs, including the entrepreneurs belonging to SC/ST communities.